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The Honorable Judson H. Hill State Senator Coverdell Legislative Office Building, Room 325-A Atlanta, Georgia 30334

> SUBJECT: State Auditor's Certification Senate Bill (LC 21 9462)

Dear Senator Hill:

This bill would amend provisions relating to membership in the Employees' Retirement System for certain law enforcement officers. Specifically, this bill would affect law enforcement officers who were employed prior to July 1, 1982 by the Georgia Bureau of Investigation as a narcotics agent. Under the provisions of this bill, such persons with at least 34 years of service would be authorized to retire without regard to age and, upon retirement, would receive a service retirement allowance that would have been payable if the member continued in service until age 65, without a change in compensation.

This is to certify that this is a fiscal retirement bill as defined in the Public Retirement Systems Standards Law.

Respectfully,

/s/ Russell W. Hinton State Auditor